
BELGIAN KING GREETED ROOSEVELT AND TAKES HIM TO PALACE TO DINE

BRUSSELS, April 28.—King Albert on his arrival here this afternoon and paid him an extraordinary honor.

The meeting between Mr. Roosevelt and the king occurred at the invitation, to which the king consented to extend, at 4 o'clock. The king treated of his and

to meet the king who has arrived at Brussels to greet him. He is invited to the palace for dinner to meet the king who has arrived at Brussels to greet him. He is invited to the palace for dinner to meet the king who has arrived at Brussels to greet him.

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THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS



Poor health can nearly always be traced to a disordered stomach, weak kidneys, sluggish liver or constipated bowels. The Bitters acts directly on these organs, making them strong and healthy. Try it.

PATTEN ISSUES A CHALLENGE

NEW YORK, April 28.—James A. Patten, the anti-trust lawyer and ex-minister, arrived in New York today to give his personal attention to his own business and to the cause of the anti-trust movement.

Mr. Patten is credited in Boston with having been in the city for some time, but he has been in the city for some time, but he has been in the city for some time.

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Comet Amazed as He Looks Upon Boston



EVEN AMATEURS CAN SEE COMET IN SMITH CASE

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HOUSE ENACTS THE HAM BILL

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Friday is "Hundred Bargain Day" at Siegel's

Rose Bushes
We have a large stock of rose bushes for sale. They are all of the best varieties and are very cheap. They are all of the best varieties and are very cheap. They are all of the best varieties and are very cheap.

Children's 29c Rompers
In new, tan and blue. 29c.
50c Tape Girlies
In new, tan and blue. 29c.
\$1.00 Black Silk Armlets
In new, tan and blue. 29c.

Double D.M. Green Trading Stamps Until 1 O'Clock
The Great Value of S. & H. Premiums
Open 9:30 to 10:30
HENRY SIEGEL CO.
Washington and Essex Sts., Boston. Only Strictly Fireproof Store.

30c Hose Supporters 17c
30c Water Tumbler 18c
50c Gilt Picture Frames 19c
30c Hat Stationery 19c
\$2.00 Fountain Pens 59c

10 and 11-in. Metal Plates 10c
\$1 Ice Cream Freezers 49c
50c Bath Combination 25c
90c Roll Pottery Wire 67c
10c Garden Hose 7c

Women's Odd Coats 1.50
Women's \$5 Dresses 3.00
\$1.75 Untrimmed Hats 87c
\$2.00 Trimmed Hats 98c
Ribbons—Mill Ends 12 1/2c
\$1.00 Lawn Waists 69c
\$1.50 Batiste Waists 79c

Children's 19c Underwear 9c
Women's 25c Vests 12 1/2c
Men's 50c Underwear 19c
Men's and Boys' Shirts 69c
Shoes and Oxfords 1.29
Women's 25c Collars 7c
60c Batiste Coat Sets 25c

100 Bright Snappy Bargains
Are briefly described here today and will give you a hint of hundreds of other good things to be found at the Siegel store on Bargain Friday at the lowest of low prices.
Things to Wear
Things for Home
Things to Eat
No Mail Orders
No Telephone Orders
No C. O. D. Orders
Friday Specials

\$1.50 Boys' Ball Suits 98c
\$2.00 Light Weight Bag 98c
70c Window Shades 19c
15c Casement Cloth 9c
\$1.25 Muslin Curtains 69c
\$1.50 Shirtwaist Boxes 79c
10 and 15c Wall 7 1/2 & 4 1/2c
Wall Papers, 10 to 50c 12 1/2c
62 1/2 yd. Linoleum 30c
25c and 30c Oilcloth 21c & 26c
1250 Smyrna Rugs 8.50
\$23 Axminster Rugs 16.50
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29c White Aprons 15c
20c Corset Cover 15c
70c Dressing Squares 50c
\$1.50 Long Kimonos 98c
Child's 25c Draw 12 1/2c
11.50 Rooker 6.95
\$10 Go-Cart 7.50
Tabourette 1.45
3.95

Women's 12 1/2c Handkerchiefs 5c
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50c Silk Messaline 35c
\$1.00 Taffeta Silk 59c
\$1.50 Silk Shantungs 69c
12 1/2c Printed Lawns 6c
White G's—Mill Ends 7 1/2c
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\$1.00 Shears With a 5 Year Guarantee for 39c
Green, eight and nine-inch steel sharpening—guaranteed for five years. We are allowed a limited number to sell at 39c, and you positively cannot buy them at this price later. MADE AND GUARANTEED BY THE HAMILTON SILVER CO.
WE CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF THE WELL-KNOWN KEEN KUTTER CUTLERY.

60c Val. Lace Piece 33c
10c Cluny Laces 5c
75c 1/2-Inch Nets, Yard 24c
Eff. Sodium Phosphate 15c
25c Benzoin Lotion 9c
\$1.50 Rubber Goods 59c
Tooth Brushes, White 9c
Dress Shields, 4 Pair 25c
Double Boiler 15c
Tea Pots 25c

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25c Wash Batings 10c

60c Black Vienna Cloth 29c
75c 50-Inch Mohairs 49c
75c Mannish Worsteds 38c
15c Ramie Linens 10c
35c Diagonal Linens 19c
30c St. p. d. Dress Linens 19c
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No Mail, Phone or C. O. D. Orders on These Rems. These are Special for Friday (Tomorrow) Only—No on Sale Today

DOVES WILL GO
AFTER ANOTHER
WIN OVER DODGERS

KETCHEL GETS DRAW WITH WITH FAST SIX ROUND BOUT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 28.—There is a great deal of excitement in the city today over the fight between Ketchel and Langford. The fight is being held at the Philadelphia Athletic Club, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

The betting odds are in Ketchel's favor, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city. The fight is being held at the Philadelphia Athletic Club, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

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Record Attendance.
The bout drew a record attendance of 10,000 people, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

FIGHT BY ROUNDS

FIRST ROUND.
Ketchel went left to chin, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked.

SECOND ROUND.
Langford swung left to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung right to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung left to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung right to head, Ketchel ducked.

THIRD ROUND.
Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked.

FOURTH ROUND.
Langford swung left to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung right to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung left to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung right to head, Ketchel ducked.

FIFTH ROUND.
Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked.

SIXTH ROUND.
They shook hands and Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked.

SEVENTH ROUND.
Langford swung left to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung right to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung left to head, Ketchel ducked. Langford swung right to head, Ketchel ducked.

EIGHTH ROUND.
Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went left to head, Langford ducked. Ketchel went right to head, Langford ducked.

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Stanley Ketchel Who Fought Sam Langford in Furious Bout



Standing and To-day's Play in Four Baseball Leagues

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

Detroit	W. L. P.	St. Louis	W. L. P.
10	10	10	10
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TODAY'S GAMES.

St. Louis	at	Philadelphia
Chicago	at	Cleveland

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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N. E. LEAGUE.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

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TODAY'S GAMES.

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EASTERN LEAGUE.

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GOOD CARD RACES AT FRANKLIN SPEEDWAY

The Franklin Speedway races will be held on Friday night, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

METS HOLD RACES AT SPEEDWAY TOMORROW

The Metropolitan Athletic Club will hold races at the Franklin Speedway on Saturday, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

TWO GOVERNORS AT MILL LEAGUE GAME

Two governors will attend the Mill League game on Friday night, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

DAN CORCORAN AT THE OXFORD ALLEYS

Dan Corcoran will be at the Oxford Alleys on Friday night, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

MURPHY BOXES AT LAWRENCE TO-NIGHT

Murphy will box at Lawrence to-night, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

TURK WINS MAT BOUT OVER FRECHMAN

Turk won his mat bout over Frechman on Friday night, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

MURPHY TO COACH EXETER FOOTBALL

Murphy will coach the Exeter football team, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

ANDRE MOORE'S BOXES UBLAK AT PAINTUCKET

Andre Moore, the East Boston heavy-weight, left this morning for Paintucket, N. H., to fight the big fellow who is the champion of New England.

The fight is being held at the Paintucket Athletic Club, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

NEWCASTLE WINS CUP

Liverpool, April 28.—A hundred Liverpool people gathered today to see the first match for the English championship, football cup.

The match was a great success, and the crowd is expected to be the largest yet seen in the city.

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LANGFORD AND KETCHEL FIGHT IN 6-ROUND DRAW

JEFF RECEIVES LETTER FROM BOSTON GIRL

JEFFERSON TRAINING CAMP, Orem, Utah, April 28.—During his enforced vacation, Jim Jeffries is having himself read a letter from a Boston girl.

The letter is from a girl named Mary, and it is a love letter.

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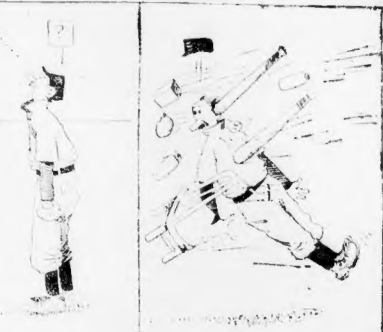
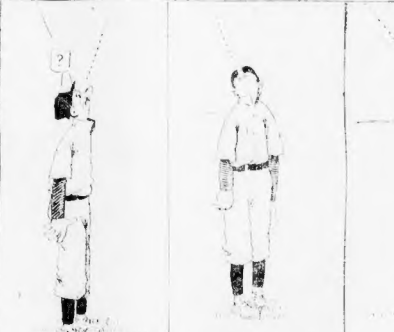
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**SPEED BOYS WILL
TACKLE SENATORS
IN SECOND GAME**

BOSTON AMERICAN SPORTS

**HARVARD TEAM TO
PLAY FIRST HOME
GAME TO-DAY**

Kirb White Has Nothing on Mutt as a Pitcher—By "Bud" Fisher.



**WELSH DECIDES
TO GIVE GRAND
CIRCUIT MEET**

There will be a grand event at Roadville next August. Andy Welsh, owner of the Roadville race track, has decided to give a grand circuit meet. The meet will be held on the first of August, and will last for a week. The meet will be held on the first of August, and will last for a week. The meet will be held on the first of August, and will last for a week.

**STRAIGHT DOPE
FOR SPORT FANS**

THEY TALKED THE WAY THEY WALKED. When the first race was run, the crowd was so big that the track was packed. The crowd was so big that the track was packed. The crowd was so big that the track was packed.

**MAXWELL CARS
ARE WINNERS
ON THE COAST**

By J. C. KERRISON.
It is becoming apparent among racing circles that the Maxwell cars are the winners on the coast. The Maxwell cars are the winners on the coast. The Maxwell cars are the winners on the coast.

Harvard Athletic News

By W. E. BURTON.
The Harvard team is expected to play its first home game to-day. The Harvard team is expected to play its first home game to-day. The Harvard team is expected to play its first home game to-day.

TOUGH JOBS FOR LEVAFOR.

ROCKFORD, April 28.—(News Service.)—Levafor, who is expected to win the championship of the world, is expected to win the championship of the world. Levafor, who is expected to win the championship of the world, is expected to win the championship of the world.

WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU NOTICED

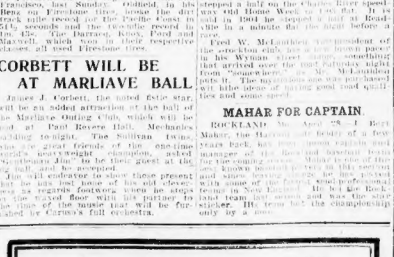
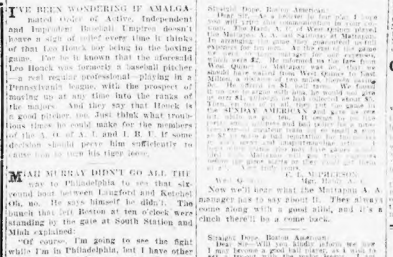
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THESE WILL BE BLOOD ON THE

When Billy Beld, the South Boston boxer, was making the different colors, he was making the different colors. When Billy Beld, the South Boston boxer, was making the different colors, he was making the different colors.

**MURPHY MEETS DESHLER WILL
TOUGH DOHERTY FIGHT HOUCK**

Little Murphy, the South Boston wide, was expected to win the championship of the world. Little Murphy, the South Boston wide, was expected to win the championship of the world.



OUR SPECIAL LINE OF MANHATTAN

SHIRTS for Men this season. The best we have ever shown. All the newest effects are here in a wide assortment to select from. \$1.50, \$1.65 and \$2.00.

PHILAN

AND STEPTOE. 38 and 42 Boylston Street. Next to Hotel Vendôme. Open Evening.

A Combination Offer

on Edison Amberol Records and the attachment for playing them on your Edison Phonograph. The cost of an Amberol attachment for an Edison Phonograph of the standard type is \$5.00.

FRED LAKE

AND HIS FLOCK OF DOVES. Artistically reproduced on a calendar schedule for the season.

PLEATED AND PLAIN MANHATTAN

SHIRTS, attached collars, special for Friday and Saturday. \$1.15.

DREYFUS

160-20 BEACH STREET. EVERY FRIDAY. Baked or Broiled. French Fried Potatoes and Salads. 35c.

Go to the nearest Edison Dealer

for details of this liberal offer. For those ten records, ten specially made Amberol Records, all for the price of one. For a limited time only Edison Dealer is authorized to put an Amberol Attachment on a Standard Phonograph and furnish ten specially made Amberol Records, all for the price of one.

FREE

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Johnny Recites His Little Lesson

By TAD

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Opinions Differ as to Which Are the Greatest Novels

But All Are Agreed on This Point—The Writer Who Would Have His Works Live for All Time Must Touch the Hearts of His Readers

In addition to the general educational value of the Best Novels Contest which has been conducted for some weeks in the Boston American, one distinguishing feature stands out in the verdict reached by the thousands of persons who contributed their opinions as to the ten best books. That conclusion is that the author who would write so that his name shall live in history must touch the hearts of the people.

The men and women and boys and girls who have taken an active, thoughtful, discriminating interest in this newspaper feature reside for the most part in and about Boston, which has long been considered the literary centre of America. Many of them, however, are spread throughout New England, some of them live in Canada and others far west as the Pacific slope.

Gathered from these distant points, the consensus of opinion is that "Les Misérables," Victor Hugo's masterpiece, is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, work of fiction that has ever been produced.

And what is it in Hugo's book that lingers in the mind of the reader? It is the pathetic, heart-interest story of the child who was rescued by the big-hearted bishop. This book came from the brain and heart of a Frenchman.

The second choice of the readers was "Uncle Tom's Cabin." It is the humble story of a black man. But it touched the hearts of people as no other novel that has ever been written. It educated the people of the United States to a realization that human slavery is a sin and that no nation can live half free and half slave. This immortal book came from the brain and the heart of an American woman.

Other books that have become precious to hundreds and thousands of people not only in New England but the world over were selected by readers of the Boston American. Among them were "Ivanhoe," "David Copperfield," "Ben Hur," "Vanity Fair," "The Scarlet Letter," "A Tale of Two Cities," "Monte Cristo," "Don Quixote," "Robinson Crusoe" and "The Pilgrim's Progress."

Many more excellent novels were indicated, showing that New Englanders are wide, discerning readers of fiction. In all, between five thousand and six thousand lists of books were made up and sent to this newspaper. Invariably the works selected were of a high character. Nothing of a trivial, cheap or degrading nature found its way into the fiction library that the readers of this newspaper have made out for themselves.

This is a gratifying thing in itself, and the young people are to be congratulated upon the standard they have set in the selection of their book-friends.

Many of those who made out lists not only did it with rare care, but they went into the matter deeply and gave their reasons for choosing this and that book. This investigation, which was necessitated by the contest, will prove valuable to the competitors, giving them a deeper knowledge in many cases of books that they may have considered more or less lightly heretofore.

These are the days of the making of many books. Some of them are good, many of them are bad. Any movement that results in a sifting of the good from the bad, so that the great reading public may enjoy the benefit, is one that certainly ought to be commended. That, too, is a valuable result of the work that has been done by the readers of the American who have participated in this contest.

Of course, it was to be expected that there would be diverse opinions as to the best novels that have been published. One person likes one book, and another person likes another. One writer speaks to the heart of a reader, while he may fail to deeply influence another.

When Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, undertook the task of making a five-foot collection of the best books in the world, he mentioned but one or two of the books included in the list selected by the readers of the American.

If a person were to ask Mayor William J. Gaynor of New York the name of his favorite volume it is to be expected that he would reply, "The Sayings of Epictetus."

The other day, when the eternal shadows had begun to gather about the silvery head of America's great humorist, Mark Twain, and he looked about him for the solace of one of his favorite books, he took up a volume of Carlyle's "French Revolution."

And so each individual may have his own particular preference, but the one thing that may be depended upon as establishing the truth as nearly as it may be reached in the selection of such a list of books as was contemplated in the American contest is, that the voice of the great mass of people when it speaks in unison cannot be far from right.

In other words, the person who has in his library, or puts in his library, the ten books of fiction selected by any of the prize winners in the American contest may rest assured that he has a mighty fine collection of novels.

The literary judges secured by the American to select the most deserving lists in this contest are now at work upon the mass of lists submitted. They will announce their decisions in Sunday's Boston American.

LETTERS FROM AMERICAN READERS

COMPLAINS OF CONDITIONS.

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:
In a recent issue of your paper I note that Admiral Dewey of the Navy has suggested the company address the workmen of his plant, and through his forceful suggestion, the workmen to sign petitions, indicating that if not stated their jobs would be worthless.

It is a fair admission for Admiral Dewey to make that the navy yards of the country can build ships better, more quick, and cheaper than his yard can.

What manner of men are they who work for the New River shipbuilders who will sign petitions indicating that they would rather work 9 or 10 hours a day at small pay in preference to working in a yard controlled by the United States Government under 8 hours per day and good pay?

In accordance with the above you will find that out of the 1,000 who work in the yard there is not over 200 who are citizens of the United States. They come from all parts of the world, and they are all regardless of the working conditions, and they work there because they are kept there by men of ability who are American citizens.

WILLIAM EDWARDS.

PLEASE FOR WORKING GIRLS.

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:
Now that the question of respectable girls seeking employment is before the public, and something in their interest and for their protection may be done, will you permit me to mention another phase of the question that I believe has not been considered.

Several instances of this have come under my notice because of this. I have some women with whom I am acquainted who have been dismissed from the best sewing shop they worked because she insisted on getting her money.

She has also informed me that numbers of these girls are in the same position, and can neither get for their interest, nor anything for their interest.

It should prevent their working conditions, if such places are under his control, and inquire into each case.

If so, I feel certain such assistance could be given them, and they would be free and alone in this city, girl would be better not working there without receiving what she works for.

F. P. O.



Tightwaddo the Monk Economizes on Fuel

By GUS MAGER

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Hazel Heartbreaker!

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